

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, September 11.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .10.
Temperature, Max. 83; Min. 78. Weather, sultry.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals 9.9375c.; Per Ton, \$78.75.
88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 11½d.; Per Ton, \$81.70.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

LIONEL HART'S DOES LAUKEA DAMAGING TALE APPROVE OF BROWN?

Confesses Forging the Substituted Oil Orders.

Admissions of a most damaging character were made at a secret session of the inquest looking into the government kerosene warehouse fire last night, the session being held in the office of Sheriff Iaukea behind closed doors. Lionel Hart, who has been the clerk in the office of the Standard Oil Company here, confessed that the orders substituted among those found intact after the fire, ordering Standard Oil oil from the warehouse, had been prepared by him, substituted among the orders and the ones taken out destroyed. This he did, he stated, at the orders of his superior, George H. Mayer, manager of the local Standard Oil agency.

As a result of the confessions made Hart was placed under arrest and is now in detention at the police station under investigation. After he had made his confession before the jurors he broke down and was in a pitiable state of funk after being placed behind the bars in his cell for the night. He denied strenuously, however, that he had had any hand in setting fire to the warehouse. His statements as to his doings on the morning of the fire are contradictory, however, at one time stating that he had spent the night at Waikiki and last night stating that he had been at his home in Nuuanu.

R. W. Breckons, United States District Attorney, conducted the case last night before the jury on behalf of the Territory and it was at his request that the session was held in secret and the representatives of the press excluded. In addition to the members of the jury there were present at the inquest Deputy Attorney General Whitney, R. W. Sutton, the newly appointed criminologist, Superintendent of Public Works Holloway, Sheriff Iaukea, Chief Taylor and Detective Reeves. C. B. Reynolds, the caretaker of the warehouse, was also present as a witness but was excluded from the hearing.

Hart was taken in before the jury as soon as the session opened and was put through a searching course of questioning at the hands of Breckons. Much of the evidence secured was not given out after the session adjourned. What was learned was that Hart had confessed his share in the substitution of orders, substituted at the direct orders of Mayer. He stated that he had thought that such orders were rather strange but had in no way questioned them. No reasons were given him by Mayer and he had asked none.

He knew, he said, that there was a shortage of oil at the warehouse, the oil seeming to be going out without any orders being issued by either himself or Mayer, "or at least through any orders of mine," he said as if correcting himself.

Since the fire inquest began Hart has been under suspension, explaining last night that he was in the office only to finish off the work of the month. It has been definitely learned by the Department of Public Works that the shortage of oil at the warehouse amounts to seventeen hundred cases.

Reynolds, the caretaker, stated last night that he wished to give some evidence at the inquest, being especially desirous of putting on record his denial of the statement made at the last session of the inquest by Juror Berry, who had stated that oil had been delivered to May & Co. on the firm's order, contrary to the rules of the warehouse. Reynolds states that at the time this remark was made he had regarded it as a joke, not realizing that it reflected on him so seriously until he read it in the Advertiser the next morning.

SIERRA REACHES COAST.

O. S. S. Sierra arrived at San Francisco at 8 a. m. yesterday with all well aboard. As she arrived here with plague among her crew there was some little anxiety as to whether or not she had reached the Coast clean in regard to health.

Cathcart Says So and Iaukea Authorizes a Statement.

County Attorney John W. Cathcart yesterday evening dictated the following statement, in the third person, to an Advertiser reporter with a request for its publication:

"Mr. Cathcart, up to a late hour this afternoon, did not think that there would be any opposition in the Board of Supervisors to an appointment in his office that he deemed fit to make.

"But he has been informed that there is some opposition to Mr. A. M. Brown as court prosecutor. The public should know the procedure that Mr. Cathcart took.

"He first submitted the name of Mr. Brown to the present district magistrate (Mr. Andrade), who approved and urged Mr. Brown's appointment.

"Then Mr. Cathcart saw Sheriff Iaukea and Chief of Detectives Taylor and submitted to them the name of Mr. Brown, saying that if they or either of them objected Mr. Cathcart would not appoint him.

"They both approved of Mr. Brown and thereupon, and only after that, did Mr. Cathcart decide to appoint Mr. Brown.

"Mr. Cathcart says that he expects no trouble with the Board of Supervisors, but that in that case, as in all cases, if the trouble arises he feels equal to it."

WHAT CHIEF TAYLOR SAYS.

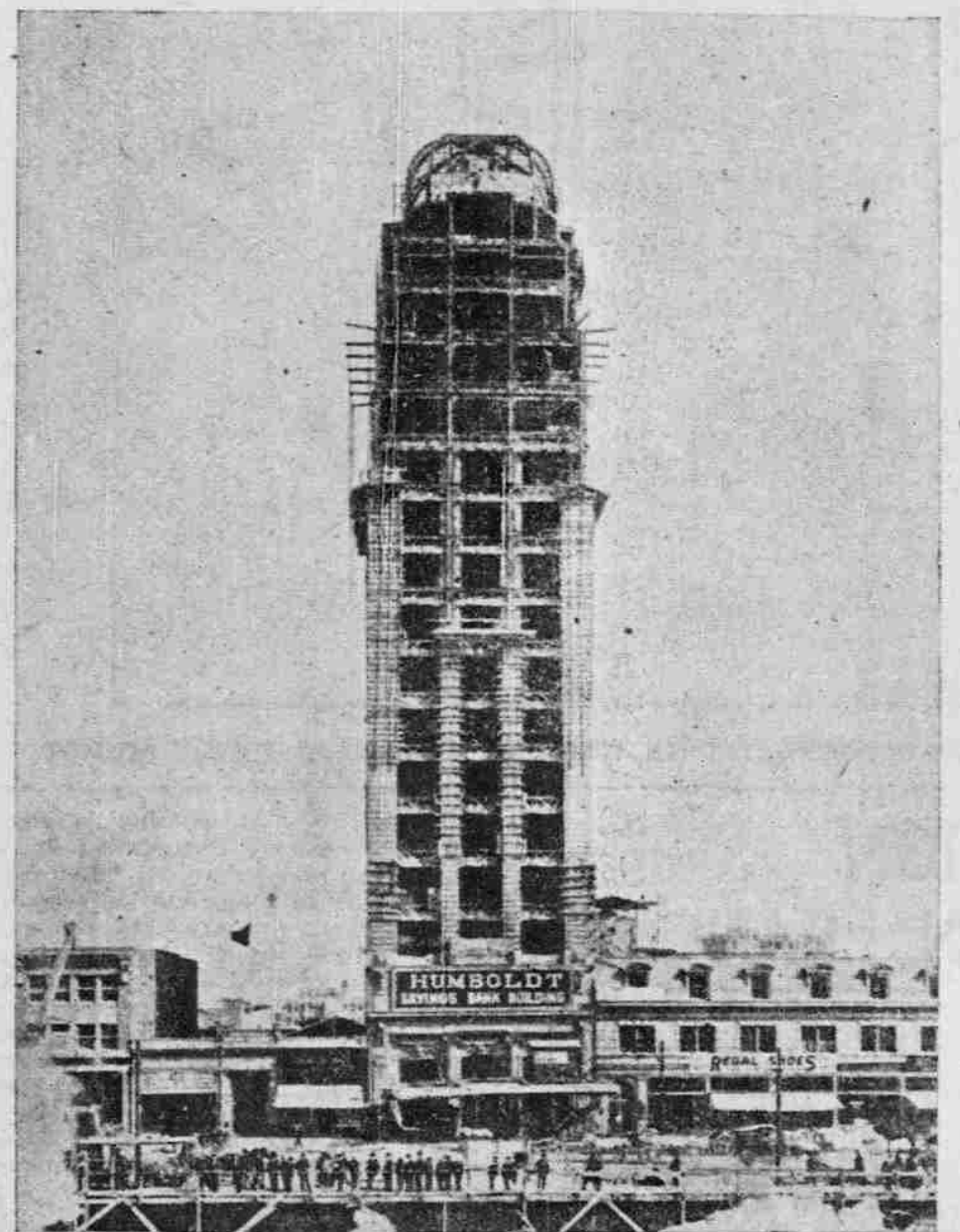
The statement of the County Attorney was repeated last night to Sheriff Iaukea and comments invited. The Sheriff referred the matter to his assistant, Chief Taylor, stating that Taylor had been present at the interview between himself and the County Attorney and could tell exactly what had happened. The Chief's statement in the matter was:

"Mr. Cathcart came to the police station during the afternoon of Monday and was closeted with the Sheriff and myself. Mr. Cathcart stated that he had been figuring on the appointment of a prosecuting attorney to succeed Mr. Andrade, elevated to the magistracy. He stated that many names were on his list, and he named several attorneys, but none appealed to him as being qualified for the important duties appertaining to the office of prosecuting attorney for the police court. Mr. Cathcart finally stated that out of all the persons proposed he believed that Mr. Brown was best qualified for the position. He stated that Mr. Brown was conversant with the duties and he believed he would give full service if appointed. He said also that Mr. Brown needed the money, but that that was not the real consideration. I stated at the time that I did not believe the attorneys mentioned were possessed of the peculiar qualifications necessary for a successful police court prosecutor.

"Sheriff Iaukea listened attentively to Mr. Cathcart's announcement of his choice for the position and then said: 'Well, I would not like to stand in the way of any man getting a position. Personally, I have nothing to say against Mr. Brown. Of course, he is of a different political faith, but I know that politics does not enter into this appointment. As I have said, I would not stand in the way of any man getting a position, but how would this appointment of Mr. Brown appeal to you?' (Continued on Page Four.)

The Real Situation in San Francisco

By Walter G. Smith.



HUMBOLDT SAVINGS BANK BUILDING—SEVENTEEN STORIES, STEEL AND CONCRETE—SAN FRANCISCO RECONSTRUCTION.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—All that is said in promotion literature about the rapid and stable rebuilding of San Francisco is true. A fine modern city is rising from the ashes of a rather old-fashioned and shabby one. There is a craze downtown for putting-up high buildings, a natural result of costly land; and as most of

these structures, outside the focal point of wholesale and retail business, are intended for apartment houses and hotels, there is danger of building beyond the need. Today there is more room in San Francisco to house people than there was before the fire, and at least forty per cent. of the burnt area remains to be covered. The population (Continued on Page Two.)

PINKHAM STATES QUARANTINE LAW

In Board of Health Report He
Affords Enlightenment
to the Public.

Beyond the presentation of a number of interesting reports there was little done at the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon, the Board going early into executive session. Attorney General Hemenway was present at the meeting, as was also Superintendent Jack McVeigh, of the Molokai settlement.

In the report of the President reference was made to the appointment of John Venhuizen as Chief Sanitary Officer, the appointment being confirmed.

Dr. John H. Farrell was granted a license to practice medicine and surgery, having passed the Board of Medical Examiners.

QUARANTINE.

The question of quarantine was dealt with in part as follows:

"There has been so much discussion (Continued on Page Three.)

SECURING SOME INDUSTRY DATA

The Chamber of Commerce Will
Compile Statistics of Di-
versified Industries.

Information in regard to the diversified industries of Hawaii is to be secured by the Chamber of Commerce and kept on file in order that inquirers may be told what's what from the data secured. Secretary Wood has sent out a circular letter to various people throughout the Islands asking them for special information regarding the different industries in which they are engaged. This was done at the suggestion of President Morgan, the Chamber being notified of the matter at the regular monthly meeting of that body yesterday afternoon.

The Secretary also reported having sent out certified copies of the resolution passed by the Chamber at the last meeting referring to the necessity of the opening up of Pearl Harbor and the building of a drydock there, the copies being addressed to the President. (Continued on Page Seven.)

CZAR AND EMPRESS VICTIMS OF MARITIME MISHAP OFF FINLAND

Imperial Yacht Goes Ashore—No One in Danger—French General Ordered to Crush Moors—Coal Famine Is Predicted This Winter.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

HANGO, Finland, September 12.—The Russian Imperial yacht Standart, with the Czar and Empress aboard, went aground on the west coast yesterday. Torpedo boats, which have been escorting the yacht on her cruise, are standing by in readiness to assist in refloating the stranded vessel. It is believed that there is no danger to anyone on board.

DRUDE ORDERED TO MAKE DECISIVE ATTACK

PARIS, September 12.—Minister of War Clemenceau has issued instructions to General Drude, the commander-in-chief of the French forces at Casablanca, to deliver a decisive attack upon the Moorish army.

RAINSTORM PROSTRATES VETERANS.

SARATOGA, September 12.—During the parade of the Grand Army veterans in convention here a heavy rainstorm came up. Many of the veterans were prostrated as a result of the exposure to which they were subjected.

MAKING BIG DITCH IS EXPENSIVE.

WASHINGTON, September 12.—From reports just issued it is learned that the total cost of the work on the Panama canal, up to December last, has been eighty-three million dollars.

COAL FAMINE EXPECTED THROUGHOUT THE EAST

PHILADELPHIA, September 12.—It is being predicted that there will be a general coal famine throughout the country during the coming winter.

MORE LABOR RIOTS ON COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 11.—Five non-union car men were wounded today in an encounter with police and strike sympathizers.

OAKI MAY GO TO BERLIN.

BERLIN, September 11.—Count Inouye is preparing to sail for home. Aoki, ambassador at Washington may succeed him.

AMERICANS GET THE BLAME.

LONDON, September 11.—The London Times accuses American labor agitators of having promoted the Vancouver riots against Japanese and Chinese.

BANKER GETS SEVEN YEARS.

NEW YORK, September 11.—Chester Runyon, the embezzling banker, has been sentenced to seven years in jail.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHORT.

NEW ORLEANS, September 11.—A hundred thousand dollar shortage has been discovered in the accounts of Tax Collector Fitzpatrick. His clerk, C. E. Letten, is wanted.

KEROSENE BLAZE IN HONGKONG.

HONGKONG, September 11.—Several large kerosene warehouses in Canton are on fire.

ANOTHER KISHINEV MASSACRE.

KISHINEV, September 11.—Eighty persons have been killed in an anti-Jewish outbreak here.



RECONSTRUCTED SAN FRANCISCO AS SEEN TODAY FROM RINCON HILL.